

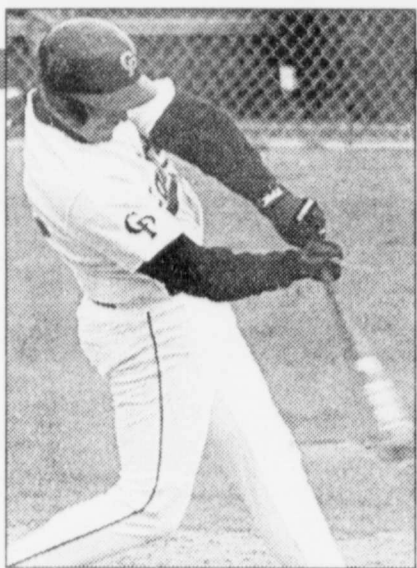
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Baker may resurrect Poly Royal name

By Victoria Walsh

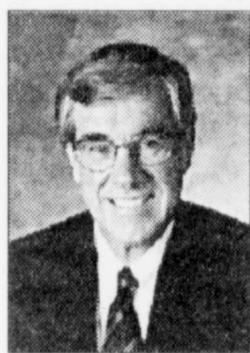
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Open House 2001 could be changing its name this week to something familiar to Cal Poly alumni.

The Open House committee has submitted a proposal to Cal Poly President Warren Baker that could permanently give Open House the title of "Poly Royal." The switch comes in time for the centennial celebration of the traditional Poly Royal.

Agricultural business senior Jeremy Ellis said the goal is to bring back the tradition Cal Poly once had. "There was nothing like it in the nation, and what better year than its centennial celebration?" Ellis said.

Although it will be called Poly Royal, none of its original format will be revived. In the past, administrators canceled classes the Thursday and Friday before Poly Royal weekend. Festivities continued throughout



WARREN BAKER:
Cal Poly President

the weekend until classes resumed the following Monday.

However the last official Poly Royal in 1990 led to riots near California and Foothill boulevards. Between Thursday and Saturday, 127 arrests were made and 15 police officers were injured. The arrests ranged from failure to resist to assault with a deadly weapon.

The same schedule used during Open House, which started in 1994, will continue, including an opportunity for prospective and incoming students to tour the campus on Friday and check out the clubs and surrounding community during the weekend.

Ellis said that because of the current format of Open House it would take some time

to reach the numbers Poly Royal used to attract.

Baker commented that one of the underlying causes for changing the title is the strong association the alumni has with Poly Royal. "It has a much more positive connection than just Open House," Baker said.

Baker said he isn't worried about the possibility of rioting returning. He said there used to be many outside students coming into town from Chico, Santa Barbara or Santa Clara. Even high schoolers came out for the event, and he said it got out of control.

"But now, in regards to changing the name, we've raised the level of expectation of our students. I really don't think it's much of an issue," he said.

The Open House committee will meet with Baker next week to approve the name change and finalize details.

Student speaks on underage drinking at Sigma Chi party

By Kirsten Orsini-Meinhard and Adam Jarman

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITERS

Another student has brought forth allegations against Sigma Chi fraternity — this time regarding underage drinking at a winter quarter party.

In a statement made to University Police, city and regional planning freshman Francisco Sanchez, 18, claimed Sigma Chi members threatened him to remain silent after drinking too much at their fraternity party on Feb. 11.

Sigma Chi is currently under investigation by Judicial Affairs and is being prosecuted by the San Luis Obispo County District Attorney because of allegations of hazing and selling alcohol to a minor.

Fraternity members Chad McMills, Jeffrey Parr, Thomas Griffith and Sigma Chi President Carson Kalin are being charged with nine counts of hazing and one count of selling alcohol to a minor. These allegations were brought by a member of the Sigma Chi Fall 1999 pledge class who was dismissed by the fraternity.

Sanchez's incident could possibly be used to support this case.

"(Sanchez) is going to be a witness for sure," said Christopher Duenow, attorney for the alleged victim pressing charges against Sigma Chi.

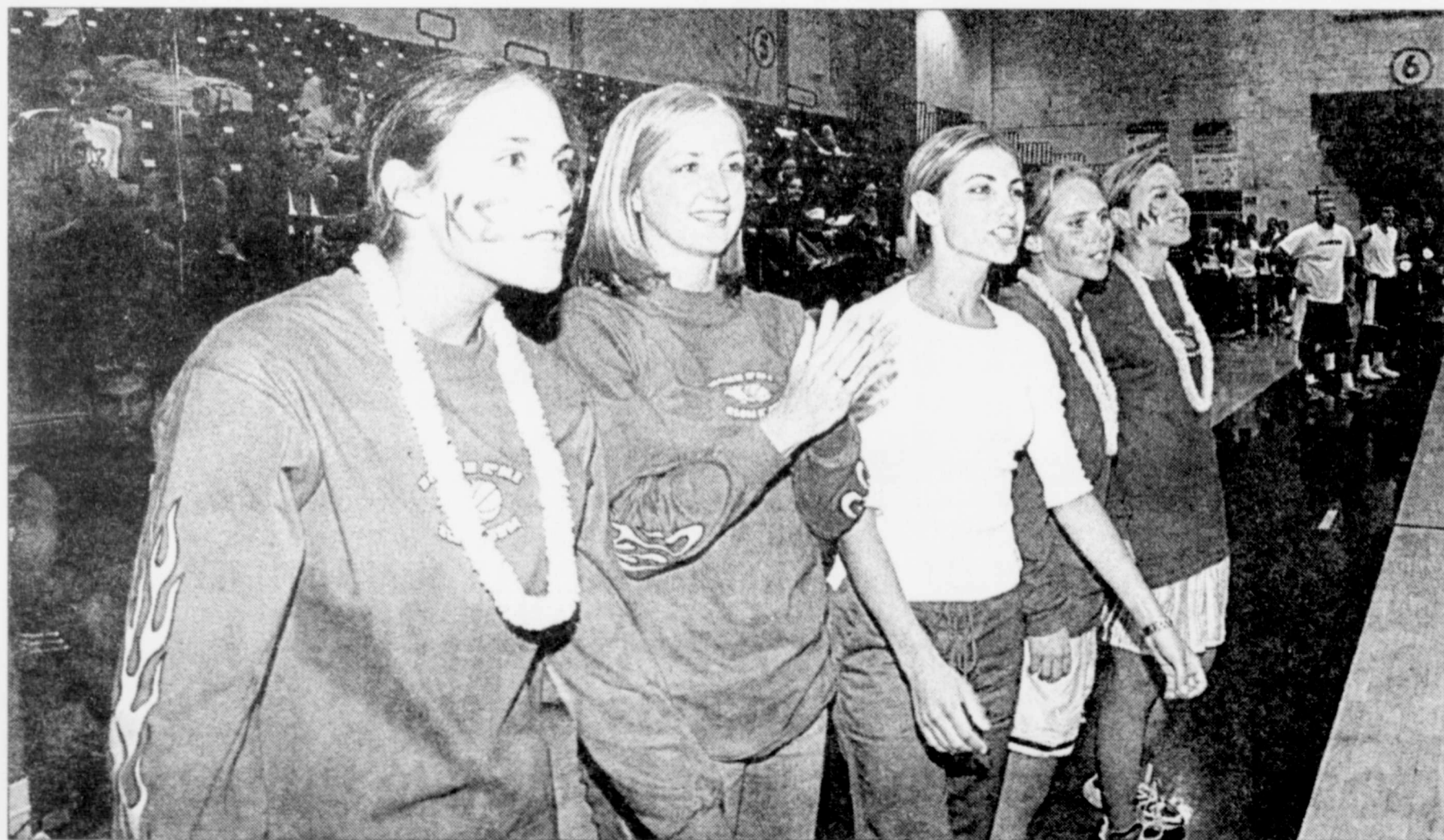
Sanchez said he hasn't decided if he will testify in this case.

Cal Poly University Police Chief Tony Aeilts said the case has been forwarded to the district attorney's office and could not comment about its status. The district attorney was unavailable for comment.

According to Sanchez's statement, he drank too much at the party and became sick after returning to Sequoia Hall later that night. Coordinator of Student Development Takashi Abiko called University Police

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Sorority tourney supports healthy hearts



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

Members of Alpha Phi cheer on their team, Kappa Sigma, at this year's Slam N' Jam in the Rec Center on Wednesday. Twelve Cal Poly fraternities participated in the tournament to raise awareness for women's cardiac care.

By Karin Driesen

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Twelve Cal Poly fraternities helped the Alpha Phi sorority raise money and increase awareness for women's cardiac care in the first annual Slam N' Jam tournament this week.

The weeklong fundraiser revolved around a barbecue on Monday, a basketball tournament between fraternity teams Tuesday through Thursday, and a lip sync contest on Thursday. The money raised will go to the national Alpha Phi Foundation, a supporter of women's cardiac care.

Much of the money comes from each team's \$120 entry fee and ticket sales at the lip sync contest. Since this is the sorority's first attempt at this, members say there are still wrinkles to be ironed out.

"Our goal was \$1,500, but we'll probably make \$500 to \$1,000," said Alpha Phi philanthropy chair Michelle Yamamoto. "But we're doing good so far."

The events were well-attended, and everyone involved was enthusiastic about the

"This tournament not only gives us a chance to have fun and root on a sport that I love, but really allows us to show the community that the Greek system is always willing to lend a hand."

Megan Keane

speech communication junior

activities and the fundraising effort.

Business senior Scott Garcia played on the Phi Delta Theta team because he said he enjoys basketball and thought it would be a fun time.

The four teams that made it to the championship games were Lambda Chi Alpha, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Pi Kappa Alpha.

Each fraternity had four or five Alpha Phi coaches to help with the lip sync and to cheer on the teams at the basketball games.

"This tournament not only gives us a chance to have fun and root on a sport that I love but really allows us to show the community that the Greek system is always willing to

lend a hand," said speech communication sophomore Megan Keane.

Alpha Phi also supports other causes, such as Special Olympics and AIDS Support Network food drives. The sorority often helps the local chapter of the American Heart Association and supports research into the causes and treatment of heart disease in women. Susan Talbott of the San Luis Obispo chapter said the sorority has helped a great deal over the last 10 years.

Heart disease claims more lives than all forms of cancer combined. A woman's chances of getting it are equal to those of a man by the time she is in her late 70s.

Cal Poly halts free printing

By Monica McHugh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

Free on-campus printing is a thing of the past.

As of March 27, all black-and-white pages printed from open-access computer labs will cost 10 cents, and all color printouts will be 25 cents.

"It seems like 'the man' is always trying to bring us down," education junior Chris Brown said.

This measure, developed and instituted by the Information Technology Services at Cal Poly, was enacted in an effort to reduce cost and waste of printing. In the past, the library and College of Business combined have been spending \$100,000 a year on paper and ink.

"The money for this service has been coming from departments' budgets," said Dan Malone, interim manager for the Polycard Program. "They were spending so much money that they didn't have enough to buy new printers."

Under the new policy, new printers were installed in all computer labs over spring break and will be replaced every three years. Previously, when departments had to cover their own costs of printing, buying new printers was unheard of. In fact, printers in the business building haven't been replaced in eight years.

As it stands today, all students wishing to print must have money in a Campus Express account that can be obtained at the Lighthouse. Money can also be deposited into Campus Express drop boxes but won't be available for use until the following day.

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Printing fees will be deducted from student accounts using a current Cal Poly ID card. Students must remember that in order to print, they must have both their ID card and money in a Campus Express account. No cash will be accepted.

"Cost would go up if we had to have cash drawers," Malone said. "Collecting cash is very personnel-intensive."

The ITS department plans to install several "reverse ATM" machines around campus where students can deposit money and receive credit on their ID card. This will lessen the inconvenience of having to trek to the Lighthouse every time an account runs out of money.

Associated Students Inc. Vice President Aron DeFerrari said the new printing policy will be most difficult and inconvenient for older students who are being forced to make the transition to paying for something that used to be free.

"Freshmen coming in next year won't care and will think that it's just the way things are," DeFerrari said.

Will Young, an electrical engineer-

ing senior, is one of the many students unhappy about being forced to adjust.

"Now they're making us pay for paper we use to print. Next they'll want us to pay for the air we breathe! Needless to say, I'm outraged," Young said.

Through negotiations, ASI was able to get 10 free copies per quarter for students.

"Any more would defeat the purpose and prevent the service from being revenue-neutral," said ITS chief information officer Jerry Hanley.

As it is, a little over a cent of the cost of printing is being subsidized to keep the price at 10 cents per copy.

"The new policy is purely cost-recovering," Malone said. "Every penny is accounted for and goes into the printing service."

DeFerrari said, "As ASI vice president, I feel there could have been other funding sources to make up for wasteful printing. But in terms of what ITS presented us with, we got as much as we could for students."

While students may be unhappy about the changes, ITS sees otherwise.

"We're trying to provide a better service," Malone said.

In the future, ID cards linked to Express accounts will be used for all cash transactions on campus.

Henry, former pledge class president and currently an active member, said Sanchez had misinterpreted his comments. "I did not mean to threaten him at all," he said. "I have no reason to threaten him. He was my friend. Right after I talked to the police, I went and apologized to him."

Sanchez said, "It's just kind of scary, I guess, because it's a huge frat."

Landscape architecture freshman Casey Morris, Sanchez's former roommate, is a current pledge of Sigma Chi and invited Sanchez to the party. He has been informing Sanchez about how Sigma Chi is handling the incident.

Sigma Chi fraternity members told Morris on Wednesday that Sanchez should say he was drinking on campus, not at their party, Sanchez said.

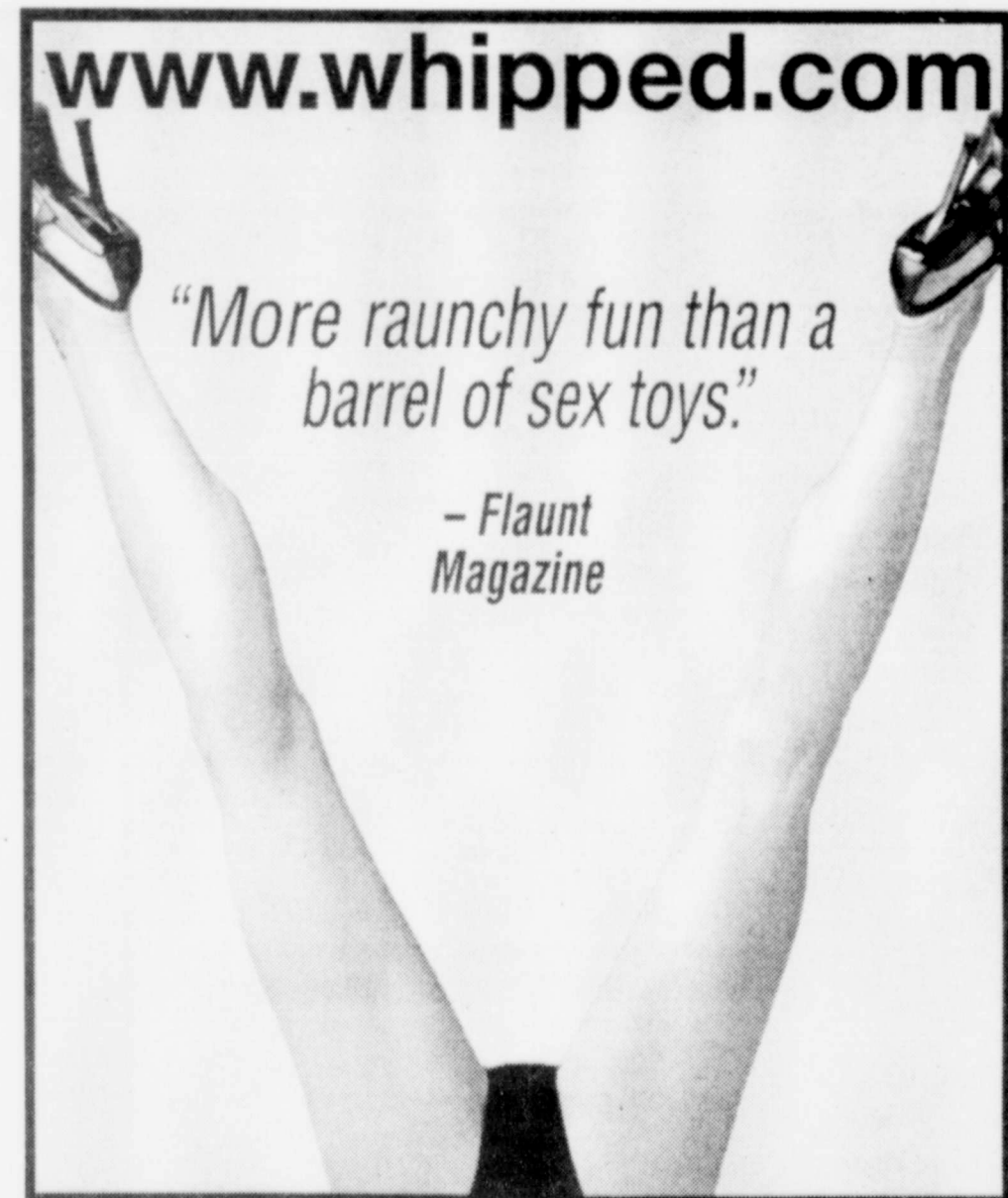
In the police report, Sigma Chi members said they had hired security for the event. Parr told the police the guards were hired to check IDs and names from the guest list as they

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entered the party.

Jonathan Barrick, a freshman Sequoia Hall resident who attended

the party with Sanchez, said IDs were not being checked when he got to the party nor was there anyone with a guest list.

Henry said he feels his fraternity is being discriminated against.

"I'm looking at this like the Salem

Witch Trials," he said. "There's a lot of bias going on. I was really surprised to hear Francisco felt that way."

Sanchez said, "I don't think they should lose their charter, but I don't know what else would stop what they do."

Students lend hands to Honduran community

Mechanical engineering senior Teala Cotter takes the children for a ride on her way back to remove dirt from the work site in Honduras.

CARRIE CUENCA/
COURTESY PHOTO

By Victoria Walsh
MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

While some students spent their spring break partying on the sands of Cancun, nine Cal Poly students and one staff member went to Honduras to help build a community affected by Hurricane Mitch.

Two students created the service project for a class. The result was a drainage ditch and a trash incinerator for the community.

On March 17, the group arrived in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, after 12 hours of travel.

The group lived in a student-type hostel owned by a nun. The hostel was about a 10-minute walk outside Nueva Esperanza, the village where they would be building.

All their meals were prepared for them each day, consisting of plenty of tortillas, beans, rice and eggs.

Participant and member of Student Community Services Carrie Cuenca said the heat affected them most.

"It was hardest for the girls because we had to work the whole time in jeans," Cuenca said.

The drainage ditch was built to help curb the mosquito problem and mobilize the water when the rains come. The trash incinerator will encourage the people to care more about their environment. Prior to this incinerator,

the community threw its trash over a hill and the landfill was quickly piling up.

Along with its daily work, the group also had the opportunity to interact with the children and learn about Honduran culture.

"The community did not want them to think we were doing charity work, we were supposed to be helping them. That was the bottom line," said Cuenca.

SCS president Mike Navarras said, "It's inspiring to see these people and the endless amount of faith they have. To see them fight to survive, it really was an amazing experience."

The trip allowed for the group to learn about their teamwork skills and about themselves.

"We worked really well together as a group," said Season Conlan, student coordinator for SCS. "To contribute to a community really teaches people about differences between your life and a whole other culture."

Clarification

In the Thursday, March 30 article, "Former pledge reveals Sigma Chi Hazing" it was said that Sigma Chi's fall pledge class is the Alpha Zeta class. This is not to be confused with the honors agriculture fraternity Alpha Zeta.

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April Fools: Atlantis, Mardi Gras and the Pope

Watch your back.

April Fools' Day starts and ends tomorrow, ushering in 24 nationally-sanctioned-hours of pranks, tricks and practical jokes. The day gives license for virtually anyone to try anything to catch others off guard, from something as simple as the classic "pointing out a non-existent spider on friend's shoulder trick" to the elaborately complex "glue all your roommate's furniture to the ceiling of the Vatican joke." (This gets double points — wait'll you see the expression on the faces of both your roommate and the Pope.)

Outside of Vatican City, April Fools' Day is celebrated heartily in Europe — especially France, where young children try to stick paper fish to each others' backs. Here in the United States, the "kick me" sign has replaced

the traditional fish, much as clubs and raves have replaced discotheques.

Elsewhere in Europe, certain countries are facing the threat of losing very prominent cities to the sea. Namely, Italy is watching Venice slowly sink beneath the waves as foundations quickly erode away from under the bistros and other buildings.

In the United States, New Orleans is facing the same fate, although, unlike Venice, nobody is doing anything about it. Experts estimate that New Orleans will be gone within the next hundred years, much to the chagrin of thousands of Mardi-Gras-goers, hundreds of which are seeking a new place to party as San Luis Obispo begins to crack down on the annual celebration. New Orleans also bears the unique distinction of being one of the only

cities in which you can't bury people in cemeteries. Being that the city is below sea level, for some scientific reason, bodies sort of float to the surface. Remember "Weekend at Bernie's"? Imagine the April Fools' jokes you could pull with that kind of information, although you'd have to do them within the next century.

It is interesting to note that San Luis Obispo has the largest Mardi Gras festival outside of New Orleans. SLO also has the largest sidewalk chalk festival outside of Italy, which is losing Venice in much the same way as the U.S. is losing New Orleans. It's like some crazy Bermuda Triangle of sinking cities and always coming out second best. I wouldn't be surprised if Atlantis was located at some central point between California's

Central Coast, Louisiana and Italy. In fact, I think I remember reading somewhere that right before Atlantis sank, it was rumored as having the second largest gum alley in the world. Unfortunately, all records of the fabled land were lost when the whole place vanished. Nobody expects their continent to just fall out from underneath them, so nobody thought to save all of their important documents in floating, waterproof casks. Think of how often you lose valuable information just because you didn't save it before your computer crashed. I know many of you do back up your work, but how many of you seal it in Zip-Loc bags just in case?

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Instead of a cartoon, the Mustang Daily would like to experiment with a new scratch and sniff ink. So...



Better ways to spend college than drinking the night away

You're taking 15 units and have lots of homework. You also have a job, not to mention a girlfriend or boyfriend. By Friday you're completely exhausted and all you want to do is go out, have a good time and relax.

You can think of no better way to relax than drinking beer with your friends. You drink eight beers, and even though you had a hangover, you're ready to party again the next night. With such a busy schedule, it's understandable that

you'd want a few drinks once a week, but eight beers several times a week is excessive.

Scenes like the one I just described are common for college students. According to a Harvard School of Public Health Study of 128 college campuses, released on March 14, 44 percent — or two out of every five college students — are binge drinkers. The study defined binge drinkers as people who consumed at least four to five drinks in a row on more than one night during a

two-week period.

How many students at Cal Poly would be classified as binge drinkers? Let's do the math. Poly has approximately 16,470 students. If two out of every five students are binge drinkers, that means 7,247 Cal Poly students drink too much.

That's a problem.

Alcohol slows down your motor skills and your ability to process information and react to it. It's highly caloric and causes weight gain. It lowers your inhibitions and causes you to do things you normally wouldn't do otherwise, like pee on the side of a building in a public place. Alcohol impairs your ability

to drive, creating the potential for serious accidents. It also plays a factor in starting fights between friends, and opens the door for people to take advantage of you.

However, binge drinking takes these effects to a new level. We're looking at increased risks for heart disease and liver damage, not to mention the increased risks for alcohol poisoning, alcoholism and, in a worst case scenario, death.

None of that sounds fun to me. So, why do 7,247 students regularly choose to take such chances?

I know several people who fit the category of binge drinkers. Five drinks are just a warm-up for most of them,

but only some actually like the alcohol. Most don't care; they just want to get drunk. They like to drink because it's fun; it loosens them up and makes them more sociable.

Based on the number of parties going on around my house every weekend and Cal Poly students' affinities for drinking, it would be futile to say, "Don't drink." However, I will say this: There are more creative, less expensive, less harmful and less dangerous ways to have fun on a weekend besides binge drinking.

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Pay attention during English class — good writing will get you far

Flipping through channels the other night, I came across a WWF wrestling match. My eye was not caught by the

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wrestlers throwing one another through tables or smashing chairs over one another, but by a sign held by a fan. It read, "Rock, your the best!" Read that statement again carefully if you didn't catch the error. If there was even a remote chance that my

friends and family would see me on television, I'd be sure to make my signs grammatically correct.

Proper writing helps establish credibility. Most employers will quickly toss out a resume with grammatical or spelling errors. Often they won't look past a cover letter if they find a mistake. To them, time is money and people who make errors aren't worth their time.

Improper writing also does not help a writer's cause when making statements in a letter to the editor. When large audiences have to develop an opinion about what someone has to say, the writer should use utmost care. He should state his message in a clear and concise manner. Otherwise, he may be the laughingstock of the newsroom. (We chuckle a lot in this newsroom.)

Even personal letters need good writing. Let's say your friend writes a letter to tell you how she's doing in school. "I'm doing grate in mathh. I love my jobbe. My roommate is vrey nyce." Apparently, your friend skips English class.

The ability to write properly also helps to boost self-confidence. Journalism majors tend not to fret about a five-page term paper for a history class because they're used to writing large quantities of quality writing on deadline.

Other majors need good writing in the workplace, too. Business majors

may write memos to their bosses or fellow employees. Ag majors may be required to write reports about their crops' successes or failures. Great writing can make the difference between a mediocre report and an outstanding report.

Good writing also allows others to classify the author as a member of an elite group: the educated. Imagine

the last time you caught a spelling error. What did you think of the author? You may have shook your head

in disappointment. And the last time you read a good book? You may have wanted to find the author and shake their hand.

With the increasing popularity of the Internet, good writing is becoming more and more essential. The Internet requires a written content to be read in contrast to the audio and visual content on television. A spelling or grammatical error on an American Web site makes me wince. I'm amazed they invested the time to learn the HTML language to make a Web site but couldn't pencil in time to learn the English language.

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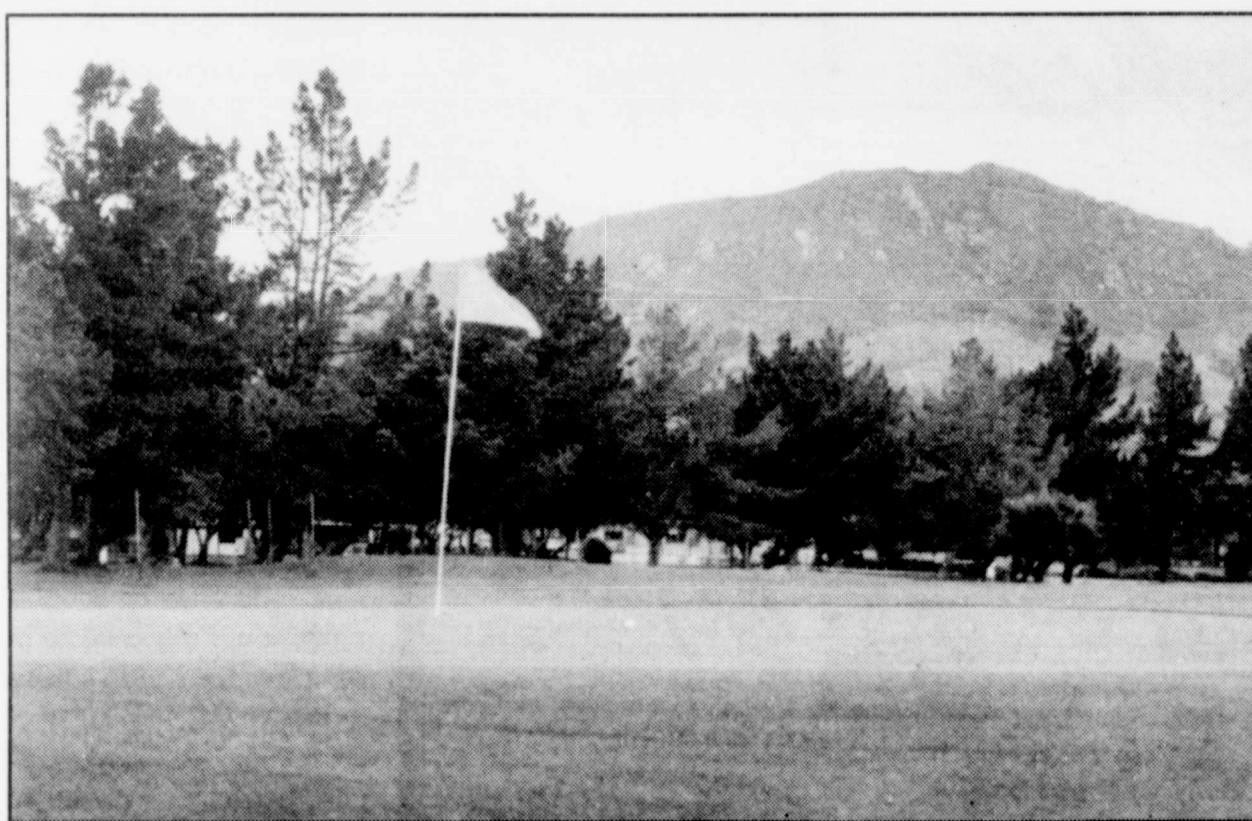
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The course is also accessible on the web through the Park and Recreation section of the www.slocity.org site, or you can reach them directly at www.ci.san-luis-obispo.ca.us/lagunalakegolfcourse. So, regardless of the stresses you may incur during the week, take a break and unwind at the Laguna Lake golf course.

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"When he won Big West Player of the Week, it was like watching Mark McGuire."

The team has also seen an improvement in its starting pitching. Earlier in the season, the rotation fell into a pattern of allowing too many first-inning runs, repeatedly forcing the offense to mount late-inning comebacks. Recent changes in bullpen have given a new look to the Mustangs' rotation.

"Our starting pitching has improved since we moved Joe Smith and Jared Blasdel to the starting rotation," Price said. "We put Smith in the Friday role

and he's been outstanding. Blasdel has given us two outstanding starts as well."

The Mustangs' staff will have to bring out its best stuff against Pacific, a team that suffered tough losses against two nationally ranked teams — Long Beach State and Cal State Fullerton — in the past two weeks. The Tigers are 17-4 against non-Big West teams, including St. Mary's, University of Utah, and Centenary College, as well as Long Beach State, schools Cal Poly has also faced this season.

"We've faced what they've faced," Price said. "They've played six games against ranked teams. That's really tough, and we've been there too. They have played really well."

In Pacific, the Mustangs face a formidable pitching team that has a proven ace in Steve Fischer. Fischer leads the Tigers with a 5-1 record and an ERA of 2.89. Overall, the team's ERA is 4.15, more than two and a half runs lower than the Mustangs'.

Price acknowledged the strength of the Tigers' pitching staff.

"They're a tough matchup for us because they have outstanding pitching, so we have to pitch well, too," he said. "Our pitching has to match up with theirs."

The Mustangs will face off against Pacific on Friday at 7 p.m., followed by the second game on Saturday at 1 p.m. The series will wrap up on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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still retain amateur status. For this reason, college students are permitted to play. Fifteen of the 26 men on the roster are college students, and one, Anthony Dimech, attends Cal Poly. Dimech had a goal and an assist last weekend.

The team has hired head coach Bob Wilson to lead the Roadrunners this season. Wilson takes over for Smyth, who still retains general manager duties with the club. Smyth described Wilson as knowl-

edgeable and familiar with the league.

"He's looking to advance his level of coaching," Smyth said.

In another move, the Roadrunners announced that the team will be adding a mascot for the upcoming season. A contest is in the works to name the mascot, and the team is hoping to get an eager college student to fill the role.

The Roadrunners will be holding three home games at Mustang Stadium, opening night, as well as games May 19 and 27. Admission to the opener is \$5 for adults and \$2 for students.

FINAL FOUR

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night for the national championship.

Michigan State (30-7), the only conference champion still playing, has won nine straight games and has two wins against Wisconsin in that streak.

The Badgers (22-13) are 0-3 against the Spartans this season, the only losses in their last 14 games. Their tournament run includes wins over top-seeded Arizona and LSU.

"I'd rather be playing someone else," Wisconsin coach Dick Bennett said. "People have tried to make a case for the fact we have lost to them three times; so that means it should be a little better. On the other hand, we don't know if we can beat them."

Michigan State got this far last season, losing to Duke in the semifinal, the Spartans' first Final Four appearance since winning it all in 1979 with Magic Johnson.

"The things I learned from last season, unfortunately, are not going to help on the court, the hotels, getting around, the practice times," Spartans coach Tom Izzo said. "Do I think it's going to be an incredible difference? Unfortunately, no. I wish I could say that it was. But yet, I think it's got to help a little bit."

Florida coach Billy Donovan makes history this weekend by becoming the

sixth person to coach and play in a Final Four. He was a guard at Providence in 1987.

The Gators (28-7) play a full-court style that wears down opponents. Their impressive run to the Final Four includes victories over fourth-seeded Illinois, top-ranked Duke and third-seeded Oklahoma State.

Despite seven sophomores and freshmen in the 10-man rotation, Florida has played like a veteran team.

"As each game has gone by for our younger guys, they have had a much, much better awareness of what they can and cannot get away with at this level," said the 34-year-old Donovan, the youngest of the Final Four coaches by far. "There's been a tremendous improvement from the first day of practice to now. So I think for a lot of these kids they really aren't freshmen and sophomores."

North Carolina coach Bill Guthridge is in his second Final Four in just three seasons, but the Tar Heels (22-13) did it this time as an underdog. The NCAA tournament run included a win over top-seeded Stanford and a regional final victory over Tulsa.

"As far as us being an underdog, it has been different this year," Guthridge said. "It's kind of fun right now, but I hope that we haven't been the underdog all the time, because if you are the underdog, you haven't succeeded very well."

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Similarities abound in Final Fours

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The Final Four's fourth visit to the heart of basketball country comes 20 years after the first. Two decades later, not much has changed.

In 1980, two teams from the Big Ten — Iowa and Purdue — made it to Indianapolis. In 2000, two teams from the Big Ten — Michigan State and Wisconsin — made it to Indianapolis.

In 1980, two of the teams that made the national semifinals — Iowa and UCLA — were unranked. It didn't happen again until now, with Wisconsin and North Carolina reaching the Final Four despite not being in the final regular-season poll.

The 1980 Final Four was held in Market Square Arena, a building that awaits the wrecker's ball since the Pacers moved into Conseco Fieldhouse. This will be the third Final Four held in the RCA Dome and each had North Carolina as one of the teams.

UCLA reached the Final Four as a No. 8 seed in 1980, one of only two teams to do that until this year when North Carolina and Wisconsin got to the last weekend of the season.

On Saturday, Michigan State, the only top seed to reach the Final Four, plays Wisconsin, with Florida, a fifth seed, facing North Carolina in the second game. The winners play Monday

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Mustangs look to continue hot streak



DAN GONZALES/MUSTANG DAILY

The Mustangs have won four of their last seven games and play host to Pacific tonight.

By Chris Arns

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

The surging Cal Poly baseball team will try to continue its recent success when it opens a three-game series against Pacific this weekend at San Luis Obispo Stadium.

The Mustangs have been on fire lately, winning five of their last seven, including a three-game sweep of New Mexico State. Cal Poly also played well against Pepperdine and took the first game of a series against Sacramento State last weekend before losing the remaining two games.

An overwhelming factor in the team's improving play has been the change in weather. The recent sunshine has allowed the Mustangs to practice more often at San Luis Obispo Stadium, located at Sinsheimer Park.

"The main difference (in the team's performance) is the weather," head coach Ritch Price said. "Being able to practice out at Sinsheimer has been key for preparing properly."

The team has also relied on the big bat of first baseman Steve Wood. The Big West Player of the Week for March 20 has been the most prolific Cal Poly batter on offense lately, batting .433 (13-30) with three home runs and 18 RBI over the last seven games. Wood had connected for a home run in three consecutive games before the streak ended — to Sacramento State in the first game of the series last weekend.

"I feel pretty good about how I've done lately," Wood said. "It's mainly because a lot of the other guys have helped out. Everyone's been doing well, so when that happens, it gets contagious."

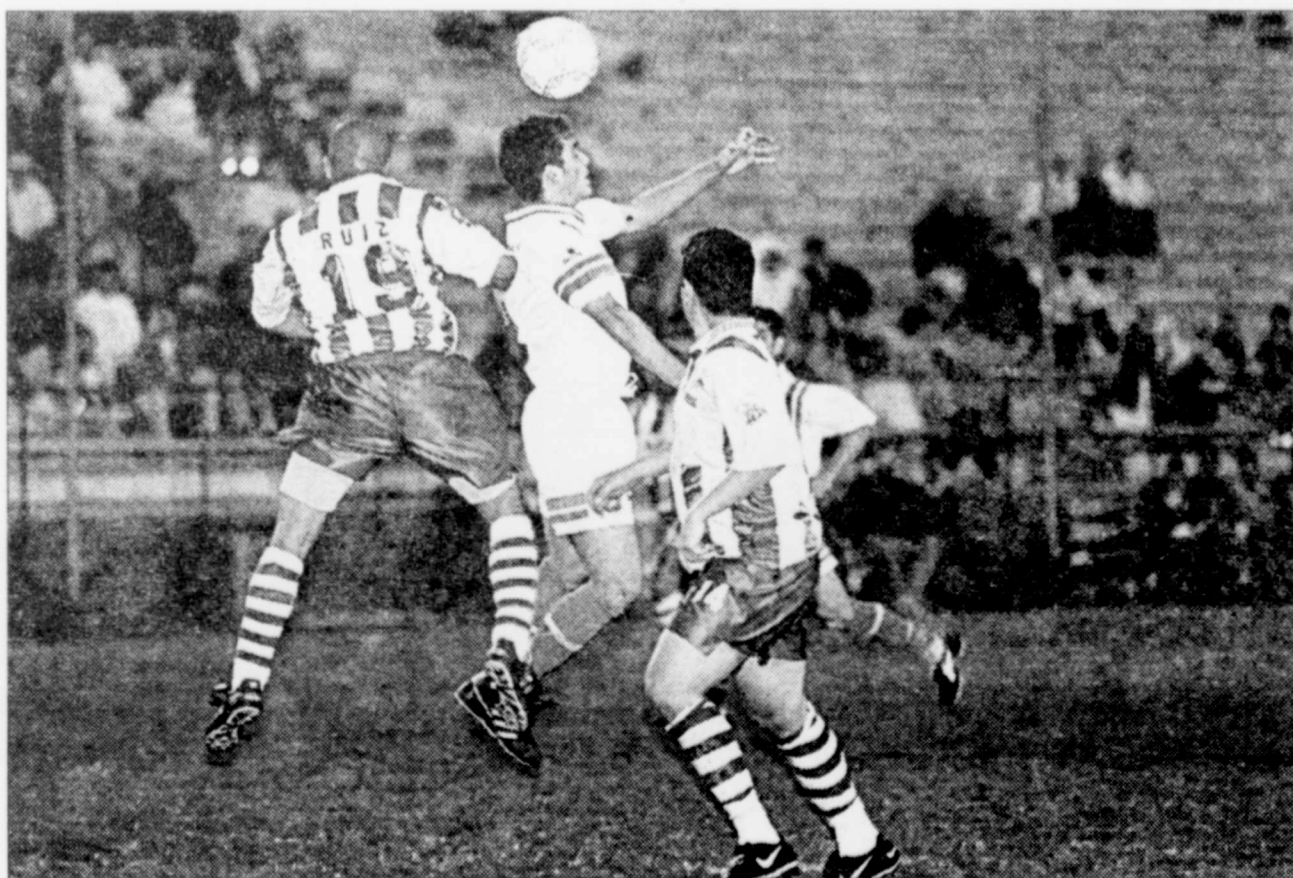
Price noted that Wood's recent performance reminded him of another slugger known for his offensive prowess.

"He's played very well lately," Price said.

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The Central Coast Roadrunners got off to a good start, splitting two games this past weekend at the Umbro Preseason Tournament at Cal Poly's Mustang Stadium. The team begins league play on May 5 vs. San Fernando.

FILE PHOTO/
MUSTANG DAILY



Early success bodes well for Central Coast Roadrunners

By Monica McHugh

MUSTANG DAILY STAFF WRITER

After splitting two games as host of the Umbro Preseason Tournament at Cal Poly's Mustang Stadium last weekend, the Central Coast Roadrunners are gearing up for the regular season.

The Roadrunners, a local minor league men's soccer team, will kick off its season May 5 at Mustang Stadium vs. San Fernando Valley.

"It's going to be an exciting season," said Roadrunners general manager Larry Smyth. "Our team

has a lot of depth with a strong roster across the board."

The Roadrunners have been the national champions twice — in 1996 and 1997 — and won the U.S. Open Cup in 1997 as well.

"We're all about developing players who can move on," Smyth said.

Four Roadrunners have gone on to play for major teams and many others are scattered across the United States.

Although the Roadrunners play in a "minor league," the players can

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Sports Trivia

Yesterday's Answer:

Mike Ditka was the first tight end elected to the NFL Hall of Fame.

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Today's Question:

Name the four managers who have skippered both the Yankees and the Mets.



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Briefs

Mets get even with Cubs in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — The New York Mets are sure glad they decided to take Benny Agbayani on this little detour.

Agbayani hit a grand slam in the 11th inning tonight and the Mets beat the Chicago Cubs 5-1 for a split of their season-opening series in Japan.

In a game featuring strange sights — Rey Ordonez making an error, and Cubs manager Don Baylor not shaking hands with counterpart Bobby Valentine — perhaps the oddest one was Agbayani hitting the first slam of the 21st century.

Agbayani recently was told he would be sent to Triple-A Norfolk on April 9, when Glendon Rusch is promoted to be the Mets' No. 5 starter. Agbayani did not take the demotion well, and asked for a trade.

The Mets, having room for an extra player, took the Hawaiian-born Agbayani to Japan.

Agbayani's two-out drive to center field made it a disappointing major league debut for loser Danny Young (0-1).

Schedule

TODAY

- Baseball vs. Pacific
 - in SLO Stadium • 7 p.m.
- Men's tennis vs. Air Force Academy
 - at Carmel • 1 p.m.

SATURDAY

- Baseball vs. Pacific
 - in SLO Stadium • 1 p.m.
- Women's tennis vs. UC Santa Barbara
 - at Cal Poly • 2 p.m.
- Softball vs. UC Santa Barbara
 - in Goleta • noon and 2 p.m.
- Men's lacrosse vs. USC
 - at Cal Poly • 1 p.m.